

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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C1 [0006] A multi-layer light filter in accordance with the present invention includes a single layer of glass or resin beads supported in an opaque layer and an additional contiguous light-dispersing support or backing layer that exhibits asymmetrical or anisotropic light-dispersing properties along axes perpendicular to the direction of propagation. "Anisotropic" and "asymmetrical" are used interchangeably to have the same meaning for purposes of this disclosure. This structure of optical components enhances the dispersion or scattering of light along one ~~axes~~axis, for example the horizontal axis, and without changing the dispersion or scattering of light along an orthogonal axis, for example, the vertical axis. Such a structure promotes wider viewing angles as viewed along one (i.e., the horizontal) axis from the light output side of the support layer. Such structure also leaves unchanged viewing angles, as viewed along the other (i.e., vertical) axis from the light output side of the support layer.

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